

Floodplain Benefits

Floodplain lands and adjacent waters combine to form a complex, dynamic physical and biological system found nowhere else. When portions of floodplains are preserved in (or restored to) their natural state, they provide many benefits to both human and natural systems.

These benefits range from providing aesthetic pleasure to reducing the number and severity of floods, helping handle storm water runoff and minimizing non-point water pollution. For example, by allowing floodwater to slow down, sediments settle out, thus maintaining water quality.

The natural vegetation filters out impurities and uses excess nutrients. Such natural processes cost far less money than it would take to build facilities to correct flood, storm water, water quality and other community problems.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Illegal Dumping? Call Police

- Police Department (305) 687-2525

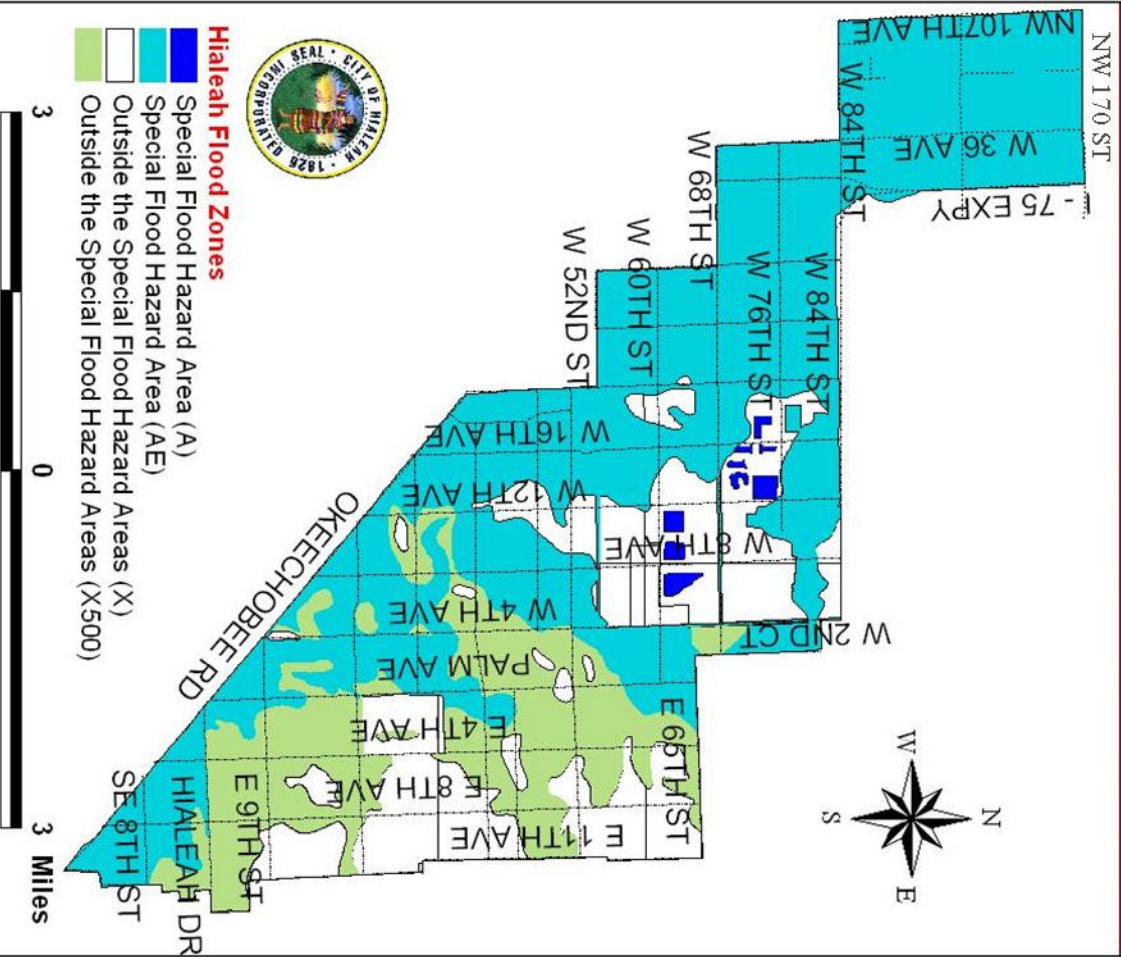
- Fire Department (305) 883-6900

**Streets Division -Storm water Utility
(305) 556-3800**

WEBSITES

■ Hialeah Flood Prevention Website
■ available at:

**http://www.hialeahfl.gov/
National Flood Insurance Program
http://www.floodsmart.gov**



Flood Zones, aka Special Flood Hazard Areas

Inundated by 100-Year Flood

Zone A **No base flood elevations**

determined.

Zone AE Base flood elevations determined.

Zone X-500 Areas determined to be outside 500-year

floodplain.

Zone X

100-year flood with average depths

of less than one foot or with drain-

age areas less than one square

mile, and areas protected by levees

from 100-year flood.

Flood Warning

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Flood Hazard Information

Flood Warning System

In the case of an emergency where flooding might be involved, the following local radio and television stations will provide information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System:

AM Radio	Television
WIOD-610 (English)	WTVJ-Ch 6 (English)
WQBA-1140 (Spanish)	WSVN-Ch 7 (English)
WTNZ-94 (English)	WLTJ-Ch 23 (Spanish)
WAOI-710 (Spanish)	

Evacuation routes available through the Hialeah Fire Administration Office located at:

City of Hialeah Fire Administration Office
83 East 5 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010
(305) 883-6900

In the event of a Category 4 or 5 Hurricane, and if you must evacuate, shelter information will be broadcast at the time of emergency and citizens may always contact the following departments during any emergency:

Police Department (305) 687-2525
Fire Department (305) 883-6900

Other sources of information concerning insurance and the Special Flood Hazard Area:

Building and Zoning Department (305) 883-8012
J.F.K. Library (305) 821-2700
Miami-Dade D.E.R.M. (305) 372-6789
South Florida Water Management District
(800) 432-2045
State NFIP Coordinator (850) 413-9960
F.E.M.A. (800) 621-FEMA (3362)
TDD: TTY Dial: (800) 862-7585

Flood Safety

Flood safety is your responsibility as a citizen and a property owner in this community. The following information is provided as a guide for proper flood preparedness:

- Do not drive through flooded areas.
- Obtain flood insurance & photograph and list your possessions for claims purposes; keep information with your policy in a safe place.

- Set up your personal evacuation plan and make preparations for food, water and supplies for at least two weeks of survival without electricity; keep a checklist of pre-emergency activities.

If you have a special need for medical equipment, physical care or are unable to drive to a shelter due to your age, physical disability or any other disorder, register now with Miami-Dade County's Division of Emergency Management. Call 311 for information.

- Obtain storm shutters for all doors, windows and openings on your building and, if removable, store in an area that is easily and quickly accessible for you.
- Trim trees and shrubs regularly; and, do not trim prior to a flood or hurricane warning since trimmings become projectiles.

Detailed information concerning insurance, preparedness and flood-proofing is available at:

City of Hialeah
Planning and Zoning Department
501 Palm Avenue - 2nd Floor

J.F.K. Library
190 West 49th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33010

Flood-Proofing

You should prepare your own emergency list of activities and procedures in the event of a pending flood, tropical storm or hurricane in order to secure your property and possessions. Information is available at your local library and the Division of Emergency Management.

You can also take action *now* to permanently secure your property and possessions by "flood-proofing" or making alterations to improve the ability of your property/structures to withstand and prevent the damages caused by flooding.

Hurricane storm shutters are a requirement for new buildings in Miami-Dade County. You can take action now to secure your property by the use of storm shutter installation. Installation does require a building permit, which is facilitated through the Building Department's permitting process.

Property owners can take other measures to secure their investment (s) in physical property. Raised levees (landscaped berms), flood walls (surround functional patio areas), and elevated platforms for air-conditioning units can reduce flood risk and actual damage during flooding.

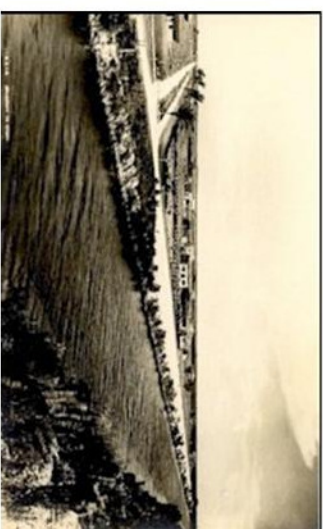
Property owners may also wish to raise (elevate) or relocate structures prone to flood damage. This can include a backyard shed, outbuilding the main residence or portions of any structure. Such activities can also reduce insurance premiums in the (SFHA) Special Flood Hazard Area.

Financial assistance may be available through our Grant's and Human Services Department (305) 883-8017.

Dry Flood-Proofing

Flood-proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds, which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during inundation by floods.

Building permits are required in order to insure safe and proper installation of flood-proofing measures, including any "dry proofing".



More information on the methods of protection and flood-proofing, including federal publications, are available at the Planning and Zoning Department and at the J.F.K. Library.

Floodplain Development

Any development or improvement in the floodplain requires permitting from the City of Hialeah Building Department.

This includes not only buildings but slabs, pools, air conditioners, excavation, grading and fill. In fact, any work excluding painting and minor interior work on single-family residences requires permitting before actual work can proceed in any district located within the City of Hialeah.

Any construction being done without a building permit poses risks to all persons in the community. High winds and floodwaters can cause serious harm to persons and damage to property if surrounding properties have improvements not constructed to withstand such wind and water forces.

Anyone who notices construction of any kind where a permit card is not visibly displayed should contact the Code Compliance Division at (305) 883-5232.